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For : CLEANING ARTICLES

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Dear Sir:

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I, Gigi C. Gordon, am the above-referenced Applicant and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter of each of the corresponding pending claims in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/805,313.
2. I have recently become aware of products that have just begun to be sold in the marketplace, photographs of which are attached hereto, manufactured by 3M and showing a plurality of cleaning articles, each of which bears a separate indicium indicating it capable of being used to indicate a different cleaning application. Upon information and belief, these 3M products have met with commercial success.
3. I consider these 3M products to be covered by one or more claims of my above-referenced patent application.
4. I therefore consider these 3M sponges to represent activity constituting an infringement of my presently-pending claims, which further support the non-obviousness of the same in view of the prior art.
5. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Further affiant sayeth not.


Gigi C. Gordon

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me on this 27th day of February, 2004.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

